

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, March 14, 2005.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Robert F. Quinn, C.S.P., Chaplain of the House, as follows:

Prayer.

Eternal God, we begin this workweek by praying for Your guidance and direction which You offer to us generously. Inspire us to open our hearts and minds to You, Our Creator, and to follow Your ways and guidelines for peaceful and purposeful daily living. As legislators, in evaluating current complex political and ethical issues, help us to comprehend and understand the views of others in our search for knowledge and truth. Teach us to respect the rights of others to be heard in policy debates, but to remain faithful to our principles, values and religious beliefs. May we work together for the common good and for policies which make our communities and our society safe, prosperous and caring.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of this House and their families. Amen.

Pledge of
allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Petrolati), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Stoneham
Savings
Bank.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Casey of Winchester and Natale of Woburn) congratulating the Stoneham Savings Bank's one hundred and fiftieth anniversary;

Kelly
Colvin.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Coppola of Foxborough) congratulating Kelly Colvin on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; and

Ryan
Colvin.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Coppola of Foxborough) congratulating Ryan Colvin on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Petition.

Jason
Monteiro,
sick leave
bank.

Mr. Koczera of New Bedford presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Robert M. Koczera and Mark C. Montigny for legislation to authorize the Department of Correction to establish a sick

leave bank for Jason Monteiro, an employee of said department; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, then reported recommending that Joint Rule 12 be suspended. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Petruccelli of Boston, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

By Mrs. Haddad of Somerset, for the committee on Education, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the school department of the city of Revere to be open on certain holidays (House, No. 1265) [Local Approval Received]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Revere
schools,
holidays.

Mr. Donato of Medford, for said committee, reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Miss Reinstein of Revere, the bill was read a second and (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) a third time forthwith; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the school department of the city of Revere to be open on certain holidays (see House, No. 1265) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for James E. Vesey, an employee of the Trial Court (Senate, No. 29, amended), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Third
reading
bill.

Emergency Measure.

Mr. Petruccelli of Boston being in the Chair,—

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for James E. Vesey, an employee of the Boston Municipal Court (see Senate, No. 29, amended), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

James
Vesey,
sick leave
bank.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 8 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill
enacted.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the Senate) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Order.

Next
sitting.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—
Ordered, That when the House adjourns this morning, it adjourn to meet on Friday next at the hour of eleven o'clock A.M.

At twenty-five minutes after one o'clock P.M., on motion of Miss Reinstein of Revere (Mr. Petrucci of Boston being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet again on Friday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.